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THE PERILS IN THE PATHWAY OF A MISSIONARY

BY F. SPENCER JOHNSON

No one can pass along the main streets of Warsaw, Poland, and other continental cities, without feeling sad for the girls and women who parade about like the one portrayed in the Book of Proverbs *(Prov. 2:16-19)*.

Many a man has felt that something should be done to rescue these unfortunates. He has meditated, prayed, and made suggestions, but with little or no result.

The average man feels utterly helpless. The writer was passing along a street in Warsaw with a party of missionaries, when a lady worker said, "It always makes me feel sad to come this way. There are so many young Jewesses who have taken to a life of pleasure and sin, that I am sometimes kept awake at night, wondering what can be done to help these poor girls, many of whom are worthy of help and sympathy."

Those who know the difficulties of work among the Jewish people, especially in Poland, will understand this remark made by an earnest sister whose heart yearns to "rescue the perishing, and care for the dying."

One is not surprised to hear of missionaries endeavoring to give a word of brotherly advice and counsel to these women. To a Hebrew Christian it is hard to pass by on the other side.

Here, for instance is a young Jewess, apparently about 17 years of age. He looks at her. The hour is late, and the night is cold and miserable. He thinks of his own sister, or mother, at home, perhaps far away.

"Why are you on the street at this late hour," he asks. "Have you no home? If you have, let me advise you to go there, and flee from the temptations of the streets." She has never been spoken to like this before, but she recognizes that a Jew has spoken to her in her own language.

"I would not be here" she replies, "if my friends had not forsaken me. I have no food and don't know where to look for help. What can I do?"

We are not surprised that the missionary's heart is touched. He looks at her, and feels he must see that she has food, and a further word of warning and a message to encourage her to start life afresh.

It is just at this point that the adversary of our souls may lead the missionary into a perilous pathway. All the kindness of heart and sympathy may be misunderstood by the enemies of the Gospel, and even by jealous workers who may seek to injure another, whose work is prospering. In any case, he lays himself open to criticism and misunderstanding. Idle tales may even be turned into scandalous accusations, which may be somewhat difficult to check.

This raises a very important question. Should this kind of rescue work be left entirely to sisters? They certainly are free to act, and can enter the homes of those who are desirous of leading a better life. A woman can enter into a woman's difficulties as no man can ever think of doing. She can act as a sister in time of need, and may be successful in leading the poor wanderer to Christ.

If this principle is to be acted upon rigidly, it simply means that however painful it may be to "pass by on the other side" the men must do so, trusting God to carry out His work through consecrated women who are fitted for this most urgent and needy work.

The men can help to raise the necessary means for the sisters to carry on this work. They can support by their prayers and counsel. But, let us not forget that many suicide graves are being filled while we are waiting for something of a practical nature to be established.

Souls are perishing. Satan is destroying precious lives. "Hell hath enlarged herself," as the Scriptures declare. Where men have made mistakes in the past, the women should step in and say, "By God's help we will seek to lift our sisters out of the pit of sin and shame."

"Who is sufficient for these things? Our God is able." In Him is our strong confidence.

A LESSON FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

LEAVE THE MIRACLE TO HIM

**Whatsoe'er He bids you do it,
Though you may not understand:
Yield to Him complete obedience
Then you'll see His mighty hand:
"Fill the water-pots with water."
Fill them to the very brim;
He will honor all your trusting—
Leave the miracle to Him.**

**Bring to Christ your loaves and fishes,
Though they be both few and small,
He will use the weakest vessels,
Give to Him your little all.
Do you ask how many thousands
Can be fed with food so slim?
When the Master gives His blessing,
Leave the miracle to Him.**

**Oh, ye laborer, learn the lesson,
Are you struggling on your way,
Cease your doubting, change to trusting
Then you'll triumph every day.
"Whatsoe'er He bids you do it"
Fill the water-pots to brim;
And remember, 'tis His battle—
Leave the miracle to Him.**

**Christian worker, looking forward
To the toil in harvest field—
Does the task seem great before you?
Think how rich will be the yield.
Bravely enter with your Master,
Though the prospect may seem dim,
Preach the Word in humble power
Leave the miracle to Him!**

—Selected.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

By the Office Staff

OUR FAMILY MOTTO FOR THE NEW YEAR

"Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct (make straight or plain) thy paths" *(Prov. 3:5,6, A.S.V.).*

As we step on to the threshold of a New Year, we rejoice in the fact that it is not in fear and trepidation, though we see all about us conditions that are ominous, though we hear of the turmoil and strife throughout the nations, and though problems may be facing us in our own personal life. We have the sure Word of God with its eternal promises, which are "yea and amen in Christ Jesus," our Lord. Many of the greeting cards which we all receive at the Christmas season contain good wishes for happiness for the coming year, but we would wish our friends, not merely happiness which is governed chiefly by circumstances, but the joy of the Lord which is produced in His own by the admonition given in this precious promise. Our Lord said when here upon this earth, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world". There are those of us who may be called upon to go through suffering or trial in the sovereignty of God's perfect will, but if resting in the blessed assurance that is found in such a promise, the bitterness will be made sweet.

Should any of our readers wish a neatly printed card bearing this motto, they may secure one or a number at the office of the **American-European Fellowship**, 704 Schaff Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

The service of Christ is the business of my life.
The will of Christ is the law of my life.
The presence of Christ is the joy of my life.
The glory of Christ is the crown of my life.

REMEMBERING THOSE "OVER THERE"

"Away in Foreign Lands they wondered how
Their single word had power!
At home the Christians, two or three, had met
To pray an hour!"

Our brother, John Kovalchuk, who recently entered the Lord's service in Poland, writes to us that "the fields in Poland are surely white for the harvest, but the workers are few. We thank the Lord that He has led us here to do our part." Having prayed this "sent-one" to the Field, we must now stand by him as he undertakes this great lonely task of "sowing and reaping" in benighted Poland. We little realize the spiritual darkness that pervades this country,—the thraldom under which its vast multitudes are held by false religious systems. The united intercession of the members of God's family in America will enable our brother to do the work of many laborers, and so again we beseech you to remember his work of faith and labor of love. As you continue to pray, our Lord, we believe, will give you an enlarged vision of the lost and cause you to see with His eyes the needs of those who are groping about in the darkness common to those who have never really known Him, whom to know aright is life eternal. Brother Kovalchuk and his wife are being used of the Lord already in a remarkable way. His farewell words to us in America we again quote: "We are ready to go, to work and to die there, if need be, as we give out the saving-Gospel of our Christ. We wish to pass on and on the precious Word which has given us such peace and hope."

During the World War, we remembered unceasingly those "over there" who had enlisted in the service of their country. Are we just as fervent in our prayers for those who have gone into that greater service to which the Captain of our Salvation has called men and women in Fields where the "warfare" is of far more serious consequence?

A REMINDER

The first of the year is usually the time that we think of renewing our subscriptions to the periodicals which we have chosen for our regular reading matter. We find in our subscription list a large number of names of those whose subscriptions have expired with the December issue of 1926. A brief notice has been sent out by letter to these friends, and it will greatly facilitate matters in our home-office if renewals to the "Harvest-Field" are promptly sent in to our Treasurer. Those who have already renewed their subscription for the coming year, we wish to assure of our appreciation of their continued interest. Especially do we wish to thank those who expressed their gratitude to us for the spiritual help and inspiration they have received in the past year in its pages. We take this opportunity to convey this message to our friends to whom we cannot write personally on account of lack of time.

MINISTRY OF RELIEF

A number of inquiries are still coming in to us regarding our ministry of relief in the countries of Europe in which we labor. Throughout the year we receive good second-hand clothing and shoes for distribution among the suffering ones who have been exiled from their native country and those who are fearfully destitute of the bare necessities of life. At present we are especially glad to be able to ship warm garments to our workers to distribute in this cold season of the year. Stirring articles lie before us on our desk telling of unspeakably sad cases with which our workers must deal every day. In other pages of our Magazine, you will find several letters from the Field telling of the crying need of help at this time. We would not weary you with unceasing calls for help, but we can never lose sight of the fact that our Lord would have us minister to the needs of the body as well as the needs of the soul.

RADOST BIBLE SCHOOL

Deep gratitude fills our hearts for the friends whom the Lord has raised up to take a vital interest in the development of our School at Radost, near Warsaw, Poland. Our Lord has been pleased to bless this phase of our ministry "exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think". Not a day passes that we do not receive in our home-office letters containing words of encouragement, or a token of Christian love, or an inquiry. Some of the friends of the "Fellowship" have enabled us through their gifts to enlarge to some extent our School which has considerably outgrown its original quarters. A Chapel, a small but pleasant room, has recently been dedicated, and Brother Fowler, adminstrator of the School, writes us to the effect that they have named it **"Truth Chapel,"** in honor of the donors. We are sure that all the members of our "Fellowship" family, especially those who are particularly interested in the ministry of the Christian Testimony to Jews, will rejoice with the members of Radost in the fact that a place has been set apart where they may gather to worship Him whom they love and serve. The singing of the students would cause the hearts of His own to rejoice in this joyous outflow of a vital Christian experience.

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EDITORIAL

MESSAGES FROM THE WORD BY THE EDITOR

THE ANOINTED ONE

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me" *(Luke 4:18)*.

"We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ" *(John 1:41)*.

"The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ" *(John 4:25)*.

Isaiah, speaking prophetically of Christ, says concerning Him, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek" *(Is 61:1)*. And Christ in His own town, Nazareth, in the synagogue, among His own people laid claim to the fact that this prophecy was fulfilled in Him. When He made this claim, what did He really claim for Himself? What did Isaiah mean by "the Lord hath anointed Me"?

"Anointed" is the Hebrew word for Messiah, and Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah. We find this beautifully illustrated in Saint John 1:41 and 4:25. Andrew said to Simon his brother, "We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ". The Samaritan woman said unto the Lord, "I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ". Christ is the official title of our blessed Lord, as Jesus was His personal human name *(Ps. 2:2; 45:7; Is. 61:1)*. When Christ, therefore, laid claim to the fact that Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 61:1, 2 was fulfilled in Him, He proclaimed Himself the Messiah of Israel.

His own people Israel did not know and recognize Christ as the Messiah. They knew Him from His youth. He was the carpenter's Son who had been brought up in their midst. They were looking for a glorious, and conquering, and victorious King in the "Anointed" One their Messiah, when He came. They did not look for Him in humble form, neither did they expect Him to be a spiritual Saviour. And when He came to them as such, in fulfillment of prophecy, they wanted to kill Him by trying to cast Him down headlong from the brow of the hill. They rejected Him in His own home town, which was only a foreshadowing of what the nation as a whole would do. But He was and is the Christ, the Messiah, nevertheless.

The Lord Jesus Christ is called the "Messiah" by Daniel in his wonderful prophecies *(Dan. 9:25, 26)*. This title only occurs here in our Authorized Version in the Old Testament, and only twice in the New Testament; that is, in John 1:41 and 4:25. The change in the New Testament is suggestive and should be carefully noted by God's people. All through the Synoptic Gospels the word ordinarily used is His personal human name Jesus. There are but few exceptions to this. After the resurrection and ascension of the Lord He is spoken of as Christ, Jesus Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is said that the title Christ occurs 56 times in the Gospels; Jesus Christ, 5 times; and in the other Books of the New Testament, over 500 times.

And here is a striking fact. In the thirteen acknowledged Epistles of Saint Paul, it is said that the title Christ occurs 557 times; while the name "Jesus" occurs only 12 times. In the Hebrew Epistle, "Jesus" alone occurs 9 times. It is therefore, logically and Scripturally right that believers speak more of Christ, Jesus Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ, than of Jesus. He is now exalted to be "both Lord and Christ" *(Acts 2:36)*, and should be recognized and acknowledged as such. It is right and proper to speak of His marvelous humiliation in becoming Jesus; that is, the Saviour, as well as of His suffering as Jesus. But we as God's people should acknowledge and confess Him as our Lord Jesus Christ. We should own and confess Him, not as Jesus merely, but as our Lord Jesus Christ.

PROPHECY—HOW CAME IT?

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" *(Is. 46:9, 10)*.

Prophecy is the mold of history, for it is the foretelling of future events *(Gen. 49:1; Num. 24:14)*. The power to foretell the future belongs to God alone.

No human being can declare the end from the beginning. To foretell the future infinite wisdom is needed. The genius of man will not do. Foresight and sagacity will not answer. These all have their limitations, and very embarrassing limitations at that. All prophecy is directly from God. He alone knows the future and can foretell it. It is written:

"For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit" *(II Peter 1:21, A. S. V.)*.

All that had to do with prophecy was of God. The men who uttered it were raised up by God *(Amos 2:11)*, and were ordained of God *(I Sam. 3:20; Jer. 1:5)* and so also sent by Him *(II Chron. 36:15; Jer. 7:25)*. Prophecy came by the Holy Spirit, for the Prophets of old spake as they were "moved by the Holy Spirit" (literally, as they were borne along by the Holy Spirit); they spake by the Holy Spirit *(Acts 1:16; 11:28; 28:25)*, they spake in the Name of the Lord *(II Chron. 33:18; James 5:10)*. The words spoken by the Prophets of old were the words of God Himself; the Prophets were the human instruments through whom God spake to the people. The Prophetic Word was given by inspiration of God *(II Tim. 3:16)*, and so all prophecy is in reality the Word of God. By the utterance of prophecy God foretold future events. To deny the possibility of prophecy is to deny the power and ability of the Almighty God.

Both the Old and the New Testaments contain many prophecies of infinite variety, yet entirely harmonious. The Old Testament predicts things concerning Christ, the Jewish race, and a glorious time to come. Many of these prophecies have already been literally fulfilled, and are an incontrovertible evidence of the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures. The fulfilled predictions of the Bible give the clearest and the most conclusive evidence that the Bible is the revelation of God. Every now and then things transpire which are most clearly foretold in God's Word. The present apostasy sweeping through the Churches is clearly foretold, as also the prevailing world conditions in general. There are still many unfulfilled prophecies, and God is not in a hurry to carry out what has been foretold and what shall accordingly come to pass. We need patience to wait His time, remembering that what has been fulfilled of all that was Divinely foretold is a pledge and guarantee that the time will come when every prophecy that has not yet been fulfilled shall be fulfilled.

The story is told of two rabbis approaching Jerusalem. They observed a fox running upon the hill Zion. Rabbi Joshua wept. Rabbi Eliezah laughed. "Wherefore dost thou laugh?" said he who wept. "Nay, wherefore dost thou weep?" "I weep because I see what is written in Lamentations fulfilled: 'Because of the mount Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.'" "And therefore," he replied, "do I laugh, for when I see with mine own eyes that God hath fulfilled His threatenings to the very letter, I have thereby a pledge that not one of His prophecies shall fail."

Messages from the Word

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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STUDY NUMBER 20, CHAPTER 20

The Millennium

We called attention in our last study to the importance of Chapter 19 of this Book of Revelation, and we cannot overstate that importance, for that chapter records the Appearing of Christ to reign on earth. If the First Coming of Christ to this earth is the greatest event in the past, then His Second Coming is the great event of the future. But the chapter before us is also of great importance for three events recorded. They are **first,** The Millennium; **secondly,** The Doom of Satan; and **thirdly,** The Great White Throne Judgment.

The word Millennium means "1000 years." In itself it has no meaning beyond that. But to us it means the period of the rule of Christ on earth, to take place immediately after the Tribulation. This meaning attaches to it because of this 20th chapter of Revelation. This is the only place in the Bible where the duration of Christ's rule is given, but in this chapter it is given six times. There are some who tell us that since this is not given in any other place we should not take it literally, and should not attach much importance to it. We wish to ask, How many times must God speak before we believe Him? If it were given in this chapter only once, it would be sufficient, but it is given six times over.

Satan Bound

> "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, and they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" *(Rev. 20:1-6).*

The Millennium is ushered in by the Appearing of Christ as in chapter 19, and by the binding and imprisonment of Satan as in chapter 20:1-3.

It will be noted that this is not the final doom of Satan, for that is given in verse 10. The "shaft of the Abyss" is not the Lake of Fire, but a part of Hades, the prison-house where the wicked dead are till the Great White Throne Judgment. Satan does not then receive his final and eternal punishment, but will be a prisoner, and earth will be free from his terrible power, during the thousand years.

Satan Loosed

> "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sands of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are,* and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" *(Rev. 20:7-10).*

In verses 7-9 of this chapter we are told that at the end of the Millennium Satan will be loosed and permitted to go out over the world again, and will head up the world's final rebellion against God. It is strange to some perhaps that at the close of Christ's rule on earth it will be possible for Satan to lead a rebellion against the beloved city where Christ is reigning, even Jerusalem. But the writer feels persuaded that the purpose of the Millennium is not fully understood. The Millennium is not the eternal state of unmixed blessing, but the final test of the natural man on earth under the best possible circumstances.

Christ will begin the Millennium by bringing the nations into submission *(Ps. 2).* There will be punishment during the Millennium *(Zech. 14:16, 17).* Man will be given this last chance to prove whether there is any good in him that can be developed under the best possible environment. Christ will rule and will enforce the laws of God. The earth will yield her increase, the desert will blossom as the rose, wars will cease, peace will reign, and the glory of the Lord will fill the earth. It will be a time of matchless blessing from the presence of the Lord, and yet with it all, when Satan is loosed there are multitudes who flock to his banner, for even with every earthly blessing the heart of the natural man is not improved and God is hated. Man has been tested under Law and under Grace, and will then be tested under a reign of Glory, and will fail, for "the heart is deceitful above all things", and "the carnal mind is enmity against God" and cannot be brought into subjection to Him *(Rom. 8:7).* Men must have a new mind and a new heart and be "born again". God has declared this and men have not believed it, but the final test will prove that man is bad indeed.

For the glory of Christ's Millennial reign read Isaiah 35 and 60.

Tribulation Saints

Verse 4 of our lesson gives us the resurrection and reign of the people who are saved during the Tribulation period. There is some question in the minds of some students of prophecy as to whether any will be saved at all during the Tribulation. It seems to the writer that this verse clears away all doubt. The people spoken of here were killed because they would not receive the "mark of the Beast." The Antichrist can not be manifested until the Church is gone, and it would not seem possible to receive or refuse his mark until he appears on the scene. It is no argument to say that the Holy Spirit will be gone, for the way the Spirit now operates, we know, dates only from Pentecost, for then the Spirit "came." But multitudes were saved before Pentecost, in Old Testament times, and His operations will, or at least can, be the same as then.

Gog and Magog

The writer does not hesitate to state that he believes Gog and Magog, given in verse 8, to be Russia. Magog is first mentioned in Genesis 10:2, were "Tubal and Meshech" are also mentioned, which are undoubtedly the Russian cities, Tobolsk and Moscow. In Ezekiel 38 and 39 we have two whole chapters given to Gog and Magog. In verses 15, 16 of chapter 38 we are told it is a great power out of the North.

When Satan is loosed he knows where to go to gather his army for the final rebellion, and people will flock to him there from all the earth.

The Lake of Fire

> "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" *(Rev. 20:11-15).*

The Lake of Fire is the place of eternal punishment. We mostly use the term hell to mean the place of eternal torment, but strictly speaking, hell is the place of the wicked dead where they are held in prison till the Great White Throne judgment. In verse 13 we are told that hell is emptied, and in verse 14 we are told that hell itself is cast into the Lake of Fire.

Eternal punishment is one of the terrible truths of Scripture, and none who believe the Bible can doubt it. Those who die in their sin are lost for ever and suffer for ever in the Lake of Fire *(vs. 15)*.

The Great White Throne

We come now to a very terrible but a very important theme. As far as we can know, this is the last of the judgments. Every Christian should know the several judgments. We have not the space here to show the judgments and their order and importance fully, but we can refer the reader to Dr. Scofield's little book, "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth." There is the first judgment of the believer's sin at the Cross. There our sin was judged and punished and put away. Our judgment is past *(John 5:24)*. Then there is the judgment of the Living Nations at Christ's Appearing as given in Matthew 25:30-46. Then there is the judgment of believers for rewards as given in II Corinthians 5:10, which will take place in Heaven, perhaps while the Tribulation is raging on earth. Then comes this Great White Throne Judgment.

This is not a general judgment for there is no such thing in Scripture. All the judgments are special and for a certain class. This last judgment is of the wicked dead only. The Church and the Tribulation Saints are resurrected and are in Glory long before the Great White Throne comes into view. All the dead who have died in their sins in all the ages will be raised and judged there.

That their bodies will be raised I have no doubt, for I do not see how it could be a resurrection unless the body is raised. We who are saved shall be raised in the likeness of Christ, but the wicked must be raised in their corrupted and vile bodies with all the distortion and contortion of sin and disease upon them, hideous to behold. I think Psalm 73:16-20 gives us a description of this. "As a dream from awakening, O Lord, awakening, Thou shalt despise their image" *(vs. 20 Young's Trans.)* It is the wicked who awaken, and in an image that God despises. Terrible indeed this is, but true.

The Books

In verses 12 and 13 we are told that the "Books" will be opened and the dead will be judged out of the "Books." We learn then that God keeps records. Every word is recorded for in Matthew 12:36 we read, For "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment". Then God has every word recorded somewhere. We learn from the radio that the words we utter are in the air, and under proper conditions people thousands of miles away can pick them out of the air. Perhaps every word we have ever spoken is now somewhere trembling in space, and God needs only to make it audible for all the world to hear. In Luke 19:40 Jesus said, "The stones would immediately cry out". We say that is only a figure of speech. Let us not be too sure. Joshua says in his Book, 24:27 that a stone can "hear." So the Bible says that a stone can both speak and hear. Is that so? Let us see. Mr. Edison took a rubber disk that we call a "record," and made it hear, and speak out what it heard, so that a rubber disk can hear and speak and sing. Did he discover a law by which God is recording all that is said and done!

However, God has books and everything is written down, and if your evil works and all your sins are not under the Blood of Christ, be assured they will face you at the Great White Throne, for God has only to reverse the record and all will come back. May the Holy Spirit lead the reader of these lines to trust in Christ for the full forgiveness of sin, and cleansing in the Blood that washes white as snow *(I John 1:7)*.

PAINTING ANGELS

By Chas. F. Reitzel, *Altoona, Pa.*

I read not long since of a man who became very famous for painting red lions. The red lions were in great demand by tavern-keepers who used them on their sign-boards. One tavern-keeper, wishing to have his place repainted, decided to have his sign somewhat different from those on other taverns, and so went to the sign painter and said, "I want you to paint me a sign, but it is to be an angel, not a red lion." "Oh," was the reply, "I think that you should allow me to have my way and let me paint you a red lion; you know I have a good name for them; I can paint a lion with any man, and a red lion is the correct thing for your trade, so I think you should have it for your sign." The tavern-keeper, however, persisted in having his own way about the matter. Finally the painter yielded, saying, "Very well, I shall paint you an angel if you insist upon it; but remember, when I am done, it will be very like a lion."

What a picture this is of the work of the unregenerate sinner. The man who has never been born again can do but one kind of work—the work of the devil. "A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit". The sinner may try to do good works—the works of Christ—but he will one day be chagrined to find that his good, angelic works (?) are nothing more than ugly "red lions."

Is this not the meaning of "Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name have done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity"? Now **prophesying,** or teaching, in the Name of Jesus is a good work. It is the work of the great Commission—it is painting angels. The casting out of devils in the Name of Jesus is a good work. Jesus authorized His early Apostles to do this very kind of work *(Matt. 10:8)*. Doing "wonderful works" in the Name of Jesus is a praiseworthy and legitimate employment *(John 14:12)*—it is painting angels. Yet Jesus sees all these good and excellent works to be nothing more than nasty "red lions," and calls them "works of iniquity". Painting angels? Yes, but by the time they were finished they were nothing more than "red lions." Good works they were in themselves, but when performed by unregenerate persons they are nothing more than "works of iniquity".

But my reader will say, "How do you know that the persons who performed those works were unregenerate persons?" That is easy enough. Does not Jesus say to them, "I never knew you"? Now those who are born of God are known of Him, for has He not said, "I know My sheep"? And again, "The Lord knoweth them that are His". Furthermore, Jesus calls their works the "works of **iniquity".** Now, if you will trace up the word "iniquity" you will find that it refers to the flesh—the old nature—with all its evil propensities and downward inclinations. For instance, "Behold, I was shapen in **iniquity".** These are the words of David. Adultery and murder were in the flesh of David before they found expression in the overt act. Or take those words in the Decalogue concerning the visiting of the "iniquity" of the parents on the third and fourth generation of them that hate the Lord. This you will readily see refers to those hereditary traits of the flesh or old nature that are transferred from one generation to another. So when Jesus calls those men "workers of iniquity", He means to say that they were not new creatures in Christ Jesus; that they had never been born again; that the flesh—the old nature—was simply attempting to work the works of God. But instead of the products of their hands being "angels," they were nothing more than "red lions"—"works of iniquity."

Reader, have you been born again? If not, do not attempt to paint angels. "They that are in the flesh cannot please God".

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THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

By Rev. C. J. Waehlte

"The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made" *(Rom. 1:20).*

Just now when infidels and scientists are railing against the existence of God, it is well to consider anew some of the facts that prove that there is a God.

The first reason why men may know that there is a God, is because of "design." The whole universe is filled with marvelous and beautiful designs. Now, the fact that there is a design, is clear evidence that there must also be a Designer. Take a watch for an illustration. You look at its wheels, its hands, its workings and its movements, and you are positive that somebody made that watch. You have never seen the man who made it, you do not know his name, nor the place where he lived. But you are sure that somewhere an intelligent mind planned that watch. It is a design and you know it had a designer. If some one would tell you that the watch just "happened," or that the wheels just suddenly jumped together, you would certainly declare him to be a fool. Just so it is with God. Look where you will, in the flaming heavens, or on the beautiful earth, or in the depths of the sea, everywhere you see design, marvelous and intricate design. Now, reason compels us to admit that these designs were not only fashioned by an intelligent mind, but by a mighty Master Mind.

Look up into the midnight skies and watch the flaming constellations as they march around the universe in vast circles of wonder and amazement. The entire universe is planned in circles. First, our earth revolves around itself. Next, the moon revolves around the earth. Next, our earth with her revolving moon, turns once a year in a great circle around the sun. Seven other blazing planets move with our earth in great and awful wheels around the burning turning sun. Besides all this, science tells us that our sun with its flaming planets revolves around some great central sun that man has never yet discovered. And to make the design even more baffling, multitudes of other suns with their millions of blazing stars and moons are all marching in flaming circles around some great unseen, unknown center. Your mind cannot grasp the wonder of the heavenly design—wheels within wheels, and still more wheels; great and awful circles interlacing one another through years and centuries and unspeakable ages. So accurately are the circles of the heavens timed and controlled that men can foretell the coming of an eclipse, when three stars pass each other, years before it happens. Only a fool can behold the burning constellations in the midnight skies and say they had no Designer. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." The fact that every twenty-four hours for ages there has been a nightfall and a sunrise is a proof that there is a God. Why are the nights not a week long occasionally? Why is it that every 365 days there is summer and winter, seedtime and harvest? All these things are proofs that a God with marvelous intelligence watches the dizzy movements of the universe.

Look at the sea. Every few hours the tides rise and fall. Where is the man who can explain the rhythmic mystery of the moving tides? So regularly do they rise and fall that men can tell days and months ahead just when they will be high or low. Look at the mountains with their even strata and pillars of granite. Who laid the rocks in great rows? Look at the thousands of varieties of trees. Study the graceful droop of the branches. Study a leaf or a spray of foliage. The design in them will baffle you. An artist does not trust his own mind for a design. He goes out in nature because he knows a great Designer has been at work there among the hills, the rivers, the flowers and the forests. Look at the thousands of flowers. Study the symmetry of their petals and the rich delicate blending of their colors. Look at the hidden treasures of the snowflake, fashioned into myriads of beautiful and fascinating six-pointed designs. Put them under a microscope and marvel at the mighty mind of the Great Designer who dropped them from the skies. Look at the birds, the animals and the insects. Their variety, shapes, sizes and colors are legion. Look at the human body, fearfully and wonderfully made, and be sure there is a God.

The second reason why we may know there is a God, is because the instinct for worship is placed in the human heart. Go where you will, in the frozen fastnesses of the north, or in the jungles of the tropics, where you find man, there you find him worshiping. If he has no conception of the True God, he will bow before a stone, a sunrise, or even a serpent. Something he must worship. It is in him. There is not a known tribe on earth that does not worship something. That is a proof that there is a God. When men become hungry that is a proof that somewhere there is food. Even so, when the whole race of humanity has the desire for worship born in their very beings, that is a proof that somewhere there is a God for them to worship.

The third reason why men may know there is a God is because of "revelation." All through the past ages there have been men who declared that they saw God, and that he spoke to them. Thirty-five hundred years ago a man named Moses said he was on top of a mountain, and while he was there he saw God. He said the mountain was on fire and shook exceedingly because of the glory of God. He said God talked to him. He said God told him to tell the Jews that if they disobeyed him, he would make their cities waste, and bring their sanctuaries and their land into desolation, and scatter them among the heathen, and draw a sword after them *(Lev. 26:31-33).* The Jews did disobey and dishonor God, and 1500 years after Moses said God told him these things would happen, they actually did happen. Palestine became a wasted wilderness, the temple was ruined in desolation, and the Jews themselves were scattered into all the heathen nations of the world, and a bloody sword of persecution has followed them ever since. Look at the scattered and suffering Jew, and know there is a God. Fulfilled prophecy is a proof that there is a God. "I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things are not yet done" *(Is. 46:9).*

Twenty-five hundred years ago there lived a man named Ezekiel. He said he saw God. He said His appearance was like brightness, like amber and fire and the rainbow. He said God talked with him and His voice was "like the voice of great waters". He said God told him that the city of Tyrus would be utterly ruined. Her walls would be destroyed, her towers would be broken down, and she would be scraped like a rock and cast into the sea *(Ezek. 26:4).* All this came to pass. Nebuchadnezzar came along and utterly destroyed the city, but he did not scrape her nor cast her into the sea. The people of Tyrus built another city on an island in the sea, a half mile from the ruins of the old city. Two hundred and fifty years later Alexander came on the scene, and in order to reach the new city on the island, he took all the ruins of the old city and cast them into the sea, so as to make a roadway through the sea for his army. So great was his demand for material, that he even scraped the dust from the site of Tyrus and cast it into the sea. All this Ezekiel said God told him hundreds of years before it happened. That is another proof that there is a God.

Twenty-five hundred years ago there lived a man named Daniel. He said he saw God. He said His eyes were like lamps of fire, and His face as the appearance of lightning. This Daniel said God sent an angel to tell him that in 483 years the Messiah would come to Jerusalem as King of the Jews, and a little later he would be crucified. It happened just so. Exactly 483 years later, Jesus rode into Jerusalem in the triumphal entry, and a few days later was crucified. This then is a proof that God exists, and that he truly sent that angel.

Nineteen hundred years ago Jesus Christ was here upon earth. He said there is a God. He said He had seen God. He said He was with God before the world was. He further said that He and God were one, and that whoever had seen Him had actually seen God. He said He would give a sign to men by rising from the dead three days and three nights after the Jews killed Him. Just so it happened. He was killed by the Jews, and His tomb was carefully sealed and guarded. But exactly three days later He arose from the dead as He promised. Five hundred people saw Him after He had risen. The resurrection of Christ there-

fore proves there is a God, and that Christ Himself was actually God manifest in the flesh, as he claimed.

The fourth reason why we may know there is a God is because of "experience." Christ said that if men would hear His Word, and believe on God who sent Him to be the Saviour of the world, that they would be "saved". Multitudes of people have done this. They believed that there is a God, and that Christ is their God-sent Saviour. And when they believed this, something happened. Their lives were changed. Old things passed away, and all things became new. Now since Christ promised that belief in God and a God-sent Saviour would bring about such a change, and since it works today yet, in thousands of cases, that is a proof that there is a God. Just try it and prove it for yourself. Believe in God, and that He sent Christ to die for your sins. And when the promised new life springs up in your heart, you will not need any proof that there is a God. You will **know it.**

And then as you bow before that God in prayer, and ask Him great and "impossible" things, and when the answers come down from Heaven even as you asked them, then you will know again that God exists. The God to whom you prayed answered you, therefore you know that He lives.—*Jewish Missionary Magazine.*

THE WORD—THE WORLD—THE WORK

A CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

As It Enters upon the Closing "Three and One Half Years" of Nineteen Centuries of History

THE WORD

Careful examination of God's Word reveals **an amazing fact—the absolute universality of redemption.** "God so loved **the world"** *(John 3:16).* "Christ died FOR ALL" *(II Cor. 5:15).* "Gave Himself a ransom **for all"** *(I Tim. 2:6).* "Not willing that **any** should perish" *(II Peter 3:9).* God "commandeth **all men everywhere** to repent" *(Acts 17:30).* Says Alexander Marshall (than whom perhaps there is no better human authority): "If there were a single sinner on earth for whose sins Christ did not make atonement, even God Himself could not save such a one." But He **did** make atonement for all; and therefore, so far as God is concerned, **"All men can** be saved" (D. M. Panton). And if they **can** be saved, the Church is not guiltless before God if it unnecessarily spares **one ounce** of energy to get to the very last man and woman and child on earth the Gospel of Christ! Nor is any regenerate member of the Church guiltless if he likewise fails! God's own Word is the authority: "If thou warn not * *, **his blood will I require at thine hand"** *(Ezek. 3:18-21).*

THE WORLD

Careful examination of world conditions reveals **another amazing fact—the almost universal ignorance of the absolute universality of redemption;** an ignorance greater numerically than ever before in human history: more millions abroad **in total darkness;** more millions at home growing up without any, even a theoretical, knowledge of God as revealed in Christ! And the result is, increasing lawlessness, until it has become **"the age of lawlessness."** And since "lawlessness is sin," this is pre-eminently **"the age of sin"!** If it was true in John's day that "the whole world lieth in wickedness", how much more true today! A sinning world is a seething world—groaning, travailing together in pain "until now", waiting for the knowledge which its Redeemer commanded the Church to give it, but which it has never received, the knowledge of its redemption: for God sees in it still, in **every** soul, **His as yet uneffaced image!**

THE WORK

And here again, careful contemplation reveals **an amazing responsibility—the immediate getting of the Word to the world,** —for only by the universal proclamation of the Gospel can the all but universal ignorance of universal redemption be completely banished. The Church's widely heralded watch-cry nineteen hundred years after the birth of Christ was: "The evangelization of the world in **this** generation!" But is the world any more nearly evangelized than thirty years ago? In three and one-half years the Church will complete nineteen centuries of history. Will the world be evangelized then? **it COULD be**—if the Church would pray, **AND ACT!**

Says Miss Christabel Pankhurst, England's once renowned equal suffrage champion: "The world's unrest, which is apparently leading on to some catastrophic crisis, has become the marvel of the ages. Is that crisis the 'great tribulation,' predicted to precede His Coming?" Why should not . . . . at least "every creature" be given a chance to choose on whose side he will be? **What a challenge to the Church of Jesus Christ!** Let it be accepted now, and acted upon, as **GOD'S challenge to the Church. His** challenge to leave the "old, beaten paths," which may have served their day, but are now wholly inadequate, and to enter with larger vision upon **His world-embracing program.** The challenge becomes the more peremptory when it is remembered—

1. That the Son of man, who "came to seek and to save that which was lost", said to His disciples on the eve of His departure: "Even so send I you". "Go ye" and evangelize **"every creature".**
2. That the prayer-sown Word of God *(Ps. 126:6)* is the Divinely ordained instrument of all true revival and evangelization, which God has promised shall accomplish that whereto it is sent.
3. That so great has been the Church's failure to evangelize that if **all** the Scriptures that the printed press has ever produced could be evenly distributed today throughout the world (one copy to each person), there would still remain **more than eight hundred million human beings** without the story of redeeming love.
4. That sadder still is the overwhelming evidence that the sins and crimes of Christian lands are doing more to nullify Christian testimony abroad than all the opposition of non-Christian lands combined.

Is it not plain that there must begin such a work of Gospel evangelization **at home** as has never before been known? For example, in our own country let the Church of Christ place a copy of the Gospel of Christ **without delay** in the hands of **every** man and woman, and **every** boy and girl,—**one hundred million copies or more of John's Gospel,** and the agency which sends out this appeal will endeavor, God helping it, to enlist **one hundred thousand or more intercessors** who will faithfully water by their prayers the seed thus sown—**and millions of others will also pray!** And the great work of world evangelization will have begun in larger earnest, and under God's blessing will have been completed ere the Church celebrates the 1900th anniversary of its founding.

Let the distribution be by every means possible—radio, newspaper, printed page—for, as another has well said: "We are living in days of **mass** production, **mass** distribution, **mass** consumption. Why not, for God's glory, the **mass** production, **mass** distribution, and **mass** consumption of His Word?" We even have "mass production" of crime. Why not mass production of its most effectual Antidote? The former is costing America annually **more than three thousand cents per capita.** The latter would cost **less than three cents per capita,**—for the American Bible Society (5 Astor Place, New York City) will gladly provide the Gospels at cost, when the churches concertedly "provide" the All-Community Gospel Crusades.

America is successfully solving the problem of its intellectual illiteracy. Now let it show that it is able under God to solve the problem of its spiritual illiteracy, **and such will be the results that THE WORLD will be constrained to follow its example.** Nothing but the "Light of the world" can dispel the world's darkness, and the world is groping for that Light. Shall it be given? **It shall be!** "Now to Him that worketh not, **but believeth",** and letteth GOD work,—through such a believer, or such an association of believers, **God** will work the hitherto impossible, for His hour is even now "at hand".

At the time of the former-rain Pentecost every man heard "in his own tongue the mighty works of God". Oh, for a latter-rain Pentecost, in America and throughout the world, when **"every creature"** will hear or read "in his own tongue the mighty works of God"—**the story of his redemption**—in the Cross, the tomb, the risen and ascended Lord and the coming King of Glory. **Pray, and praise God in advance, FOR WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL AND EVANGELIZATION!**

FROM THE FOGS OF MODERNISM TO THE SUNLIGHT OF CALVARY

A Thrilling Story of the Conversion of a Society Entertainer, and Comedian.

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CHAPTER 6

(Continued from the December number.)

No credit is due to me for this magnificent work accomplished among some of "the toughest" lads of the slums of London! Certain students made great sacrifices, and our devoted Housekeeper was like a Mother to them. The Lord reward her for all her loving-kindness, patience, and self-denial.

In 1914, the Great War came upon us. London was a target for Zeppelins, but our young men went forth to proclaim the good news of the Gospel, until Conscription swept every one who was fit, into the fighting forces. Then a great field of service opened up in Camps, hospitals, etc. Soldiers and sailors were led to Christ. Calls came from all parts. Bibles, Testaments, Gospels and so forth, were in great demand. "No time must be lost," said our Christian leaders. "Go and win these young soldiers for Christ before they reach the battle-fields."

An urgent meeting for conference and prayer was called to meet at Havelock House. All circumstances pointed to the fact that the House must be given up. Furthermore, the landlord desired the property for some special purpose.

As soon as the will of God was made quite clear to us, we obeyed His call. We left all and followed His commands. What a privilege it was to meet our students in Camps, and to have their help in gathering the soldiers together to hear the Gospel message!

It was our privilege to enter into aggressive Gospel work among our soldiers on the day that war was declared. What opportunities! What joy was ours! No tongue nor pen can do justice to the work of grace in the hearts of the heroes of the battle-fields! The "call" for sound Scriptural literature was so urgent that we established a "Free distribution Literature Campaign" with our office at Brighton on the South Coast, near to some of our great training Camps and hospitals. How many hundreds of free packages were sent out, we are unable to calculate. Soldiers and sailors became missionaries among their comrades. Men and women at home and abroad became soulwinners. The hunger was truly amazing! The demand was always for the pure Gospel. We had no requests for Modern Rationalism, or what Mr. Spurgeon called "Down-gradeism." Modern infidelity was powerless and useless to men facing death! Vague scientific speculations advocated in some of the soldiers huts, were ignored by keen hungry souls whose deep desire was to be "Strong in the Lord and in the power of His might".

These were the real heroes of the War. They led their comrades to Christ in the trenches. Hardened sinners, and blasphemers would come to them saying; "Give me one of your little books, and explain it to me, that I may have peace and confidence in the True and Living God." I will give one instance to prove that the average soldier knew what he wanted, and what was his opinion of camouflaged religion. At the close of a Sunday afternoon service, conducted in a Hospital in the beautiful county of Kent, three of the convalescent boys asked if they might come with me a little distance down the lane. "Certainly", I replied, "come along, boys". They then began to tell me what kind of religion they had "dished out to them" as they expressed it. "First we hear the Gospel of Luck", said one boy, who had been severly wounded, "then a parson comes and gives us a rigmarole about the Sacraments". "What I hate", said a Lancashire boy leaning heavily on his stick as he walked, "is that stupid doctrine that death in battle means the Salvation of the soul". They must imagine some of us to be soft in the top story to believe such camouflage religion".

I then said to them, "You have walked far enough. Your companionship and conversation have helped me today. Now before you return tell me please, if you will, what has helped you today"? Immediately one said: "What you told us, Sir, was straight from the old Book. It is the Truth that has been tested and proved in the Hell fire of the trenches."

"Tell me, boys," I asked enquiringly "How do you know that what I said today was the truth?"

"Because it gets right underneath a fellows' waistcoat" was the instant reply. "Yes, sure enough it goes right home inside here", he added holding his bandaged hand over his heart. And then we said —"Good-by", hoping to meet again.

In this little wayside conversation we have the summing up of the religious teaching of the Great War.

When men were led to Calvary's Cross they knew in the depths of the heart the Truth that worked,—the power to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil.

The same power is needed today in the Great World War against the giants of Modern Religious Infidelity.

And this is the Victory that overcometh the giants (of the World) even our faith.

Armistice declared! What magic words were these! Sweet music indeed after all the slaughter of multitudes of fine young men! Thank God for Peace! A great surprise was in store for my wife and myself. While conducting some Gospel Services in the South of England we received a pressing "call" to Minister the Word of God at an Undenominational Mission Church, Bournemouth. The invitation afforded us certain privileges. We could have liberty of absence periodically for Conference and Evangelistic work. Many things had to be prayerfully and most seriously taken into consideration.

In regard to our former work in London we were encouraged to learn that Training Classes were being established for City Young Men; and furthermore a Bible College, on sound Fundamental lines, was about to be opened by a Committee of influential Fundamentalists.

One of our late tutors had launched out in another direction. Gathering young men for Bible Lectures, special studies, etc. All this good news set the "joybells ringing in our hearts".

We praised God that we had been enabled to **demonstrate the need** to the Christian public. It had had the desired effect of arousing others to help City Young Men. Our main objective now being achieved, we were able to settle down for a Ministry in one place, and see what many traveling Evangelists miss, i.e., the building up of a needy cause, and watch the growth in grace of those under one's ministry.

After making satisfactory arrangements regarding our Mission Equipment, (belonging to the London work), to be used for Aggressive Evangelism only, we accepted the "call" to the beautiful City of Bournemouth. It is noted for its beautiful parks, pine woods and soft sea breezes. How quickly eight years rolled by! Truly they were years in the School of Discipline and ofttimes in the fiery furnace. Yet, He who doeth all things well, ever cheered us with His Word:—"Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's Sufferings" *(I Peter 4:13).*

No sooner had we settled down and got to work than we discovered troubles, trials, and problems too numerous to mention. We were plainly told that we had come to "A cave of Adullum!" Difficulties had arisen from time to time, previously to our going there, that had almost necessitated the closing down of the Church!

The Sunday morning service consisted of a handful of working people, who testified, and sang choruses, until the constant repetition killed all Spiritual Life! Gossip, scandal, and tittle tattle were rife. Truly the whole work was in low water, and very dirty water at that. We sat down and wondered how to deal with the situation. A very dear friend came to see us and said:—"I'm very sorry you ever came to this Church, I'm sure you will not remain more than three months".

Another friend who knew the place well, was more generous. He predicted "six months." However, we give all the glory and praise to our patient Lord, for our labours mounted up to six years! He taught us how to "pray through" the mountains of

dark impossibilities. "All things are possible to him, who can in Jesus' Name believe". God only knows the long hours spent "wrestling against principalities and powers in this place" *(Eph. 6:12)*. Truly it was a University for Prayer-Equipment. A College for proving that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal; but mighty through God". We saw the walls of the enemy fall flat again and again. The Truth reached hearts that had been bound by chains of iron. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

This and similar Scriptures were fulfilled to the very letter. Before we departed from the City different ones came to see us personally to tell how their lives had been transformed. Others wrote beautiful letters, which gladdened our hearts.

It may be helpful to some discouraged ones to relate one department of work that has proved very fruitful. My wife suggested the formation of a Young Peoples' Christian Endeavour Society. This was met by quiet, but powerful, opposition. Every effort was made secretly to crush the proposal! We held on in prayer, believing that Satanic forces were behind the opposition.

Taking our stand on the Scriptures that Satan is a conquered foe, we used such weapons as I John 3:8: "The Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil".

At length the victory was won. The Society was launched, and Mrs. Spencer Johnson unanimously elected as President. She threw herself into it with her quiet persistent enthusiasm, adopting practical Bible Study methods.

It meant steady plodding for several years, but she held on until the young people were grounded and settled in the Word of God.

Eventually all had to acknowledge that this Young Peoples' Society was a living force in the Church. As they grew in Grace it was very apparent that some practical outlet for their knowledge and experience was sorely needed.

A splendid start was made on bicycles, then an automobile, large enough to hold from fifteen to twenty persons, was suggested. A village evangelistic work was inaugurated, which is flourishing to this day.

Mrs. Spencer Johnson would be the last one to claim credit to herself for the success of the Gospel Motor Party. She would say: "Give the credit to those who have trained the young people to sing," etc.

But the young people have acknowledged that the foundations were laid in the Endeavor Society. The Bible messages having prepared them for the ground work of what was to follow.

Some of their testimonies have been very cheering to His servant who spared no pains to make the Endeavor Society a work that would stand severe tests in active Christian service.

Is this not another proof of the grand old Gospel, gripping young people, and spurring them on to know the joy of soul-winning?

Credit is due to the one who has financed this Village Campaign work, including all expenses attached to the automobile. He still counts it a privilege to do it for the glory of God.

Here is a popular chorus sung by the party, which became known as "The R. F. A." which means, "The Ready for Anything Gospel Party."

*R. F. A.

"We are ready for the service of the Lord
Our coming King,
We are ready to go forward
To rescue souls from sin.
Oh, yes, we're ready for the Battle,
And in Jesus Name we'll win,
Praise God, we're Ready for Anything.

In the providence of God we have now moved to a place near London, and hope to be in closer touch with the workers in Central Europe. Already, we have had callers from Russia and Poland.

In our next chapter, which will conclude the story, we hope to answer the Question: "What can Modernism do to save Europe?"

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*Can be sung to the Chorus of Austin Miles' Gospel Song: "I'm living on the mountain."

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(To be concluded in the next chapter.)

THE NEED AND POWER OF SELF-SACRIFICE AND EARNESTNESS

Dr. A. B. Simpson

There is nothing that will so impress the world as the spectacle of Christian self-sacrifice. Our missionaries tell us when they go to the foreign field that it is extremely difficult to convince the natives of China, for instance, of their unselfish motives. They cannot be persuaded that there is not some ulterior design, some mercenary purpose. They are so accustomed themselves to give nothing without its equivalent that they cannot believe in unselfish benevolence, and when they really do find that the Christian missionary has no motive but their good they are completely overwhelmed, their confidence is at once established and their own lives are lifted up with the same high devotion. We cannot expect the world to believe us and our testimony if we are not willing to risk something for it; and undoubtedly the noble examples of our missionary heroes in patient suffering, unwearied toil and life-long sacrifice for the souls to whose salvation they have devoted their lives, have formed the strongest claim upon their confidence and devotion.

There will never be much power in a luxurious church, a self-indulgent Christian worker and a minister that preaches about a crucified Saviour without having himself shared His cross. "The marks of the Lord Jesus" are the truest badge of genuineness and power. There is something intensely attractive in an earnest soul. The heart of the world responds to enthusiasm in a leader. It was the fervid soul of Peter the Hermit and other enthusiasts of his day that roused the slumbering world of the Middle Ages to the most extraordinary enterprises and sacrifices for the purpose of reclaiming the cross of Jesus Christ from the hands of the infidel. Oh, for ministers, evangelists, missionaries, and men, and women on fire with enthusiasm for Christ and love for perishing souls! Men will begin to think about their own souls when they see our earnestness, our tears, our sacrifices.

FOR SATISFACTION OF HEART

"It is Christ in humiliation, suffering and death who wins our hearts, but it is Christ in glory who satisfies them." He is not in heart and nature any other than He was when here in suffering, but in considering Him in those sufferings we are looking back, and that is not enough. We need Him as a present reality, and by the Holy Ghost come down from Heaven He may be that to us all. Some of us have tender and cherished memories of those we loved in the past, but as far as they are concerned the present is a blank, and the more precious the memories the greater the blank; it would be even so with Jesus did we not know Him as living and glorified. He abides, and the Holy Ghost has come to bear witness to us of Him, to make Him so real to us that He lives in our hearts. We have not lost Him. Were this not so, we should be like the disciples between His death and resurrection, who might have remembered what He had been to them, but had no present realization of Him; or we might be as those who had merely heard and believed a report about Him. This would not be enough for present satisfaction of heart. We do not feed on memories, but we exult in His company and love, from which no power can separate us, if we know the true power of Christianity. All that He ever was He is, and we become the more attached to Him as we learn what He is in the all-attractiveness of His grace. And He abides, and as we know this by the Holy Ghost we prefer Him to all else; sin, the world, self, all fade from our view because of the treasure we have found in Him. And He is our life and we live in Him.—*Scripture Truth.*

"It is to be feared that modern preaching fails to give that primacy to the Cross which it has in the New Testament, and has had in every time of revival in Christendom. The Christian teacher to-day has become too self-conscious or too much occupied with presenting his message in terms which will placate men's prejudices or comply with their theories. This is not the apostolic method. The Cross must be held up before all men. It must be set up that all may see it. The vigor of Christianity depends on its bold presentation to the world."—*London Times.*

Missionary Department

GENTILE SECTION

A WORD OF APPRECIATION AND A SIGH OF HOPE

Hohenstaufeustr 36,
Berlin W 30,
Germany.
August 11, 1926.

American European Fellowship,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Beloved Friend in Him:

Please accept my heartiest thanks for the generous gift you have sent me through the American Express Company. I am deeply grateful to our mutual friend, Miss Margaret Griffith, who has brought my work before you. The proverb: "A friend in need, is a friend, indeed," comes to my mind very forcibly at this time.

Just three months ago, I was called to this city by my nephew, Mr. D. D. Bekkar, a well-known leader of the Russian Evangelical Christians, to look after the details of his work during the time he took a much-needed rest. He had been serving "in season and out of season" since the World War, and his health was completely broken. Not in position to offer any remuneration, he was obliged to ask me to carry on his ministry for the Lord's sake and for the sake of the needy ones about him. I felt led to take his place for the time, and he went away joyfully to regain his physical strength. Not many days after his departure he called me by telephone to inquire whether I could continue in his work indefinitely, and knowing so well that he was completely run down, I informed him that I would be glad to stay in Berlin, and we committed the entire matter to the Lord. Shortly afterward he was suddenly called "Home" where we know he has entered into that joyous rest of which the Word speaks, but his works do follow him, and the beloved Russians who greatly mourn him, beseech me to remain in their midst to minister to them. My wife has joined me, and we long to carry on the established work of this departed one according to Acts 2:47. The question of our maintenance arises, but perhaps the Lord will lay this burden upon the hearts of some of His own, and we will be enabled to stay here in this place where there are so many blessed opportunities.

With kind remembrances to the members of the Fellowship, especially Brother Palmer, Brother Hellyer, Miss Griffith and her Uncle, Mr. Cupp, as well as to all those who had a share in this gift which you so kindly sent me at this crucial time, I am

Yours in His service,
James Thiessen.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM CHARLES LUKESH IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Znojmo, Nov. 20.

Dear Brethren:

In several ways I feel especially encouraged over the prospects of the work in my district. In the first place, God has called Miss Hollas, converted largely through correspondence, to prepare for service in this country. During her preparation she is doing everything possible to aid in the work. She speaks French, Czech and several other languages, but desires to learn the Word of God.

A New Volunteer for Service

Miss Edna Kauffman, of Zion Hill, Pa., a graduate of Nyack Bible School, has volunteered for service in Czechoslovakia, and is hoping to sail in January. She will work among the children, young people and women, beginning in the German language, which she already knows. She will study the Czech as she works. Miss Hollas will be a great help to her in this language, and she will be a blessing to Miss Hollas, because of her Nyack training.

Will you begin to pray now for this work? Pray for the needed equipment and traveling expenses of Miss Kauffman, and for her support on the field. May she be enabled to come over very soon, since the work greatly needs her help.

God has worked in a remarkable way with a woman who heard the Gospel in one of my meetings. She came to me just before one meeting, asking me for the privilege of telling her experience before the assembly, to which I gladly assented. The following is her testimony:—

"Confession Is Good for the Soul"

"Friends, you know I have come here for nine months, and how at the first I was contrary, even to remaining away for weeks at a time. I could not comprehend why there was no mention of the Virgin Mary or the Saints. Yet the Word spoken drew me irresistibly and gave me a strange joy. Still I was not satisfied, and could not understand what 'peace with God' or 'an assurance of sins forgiven' could be.

"Last Thursday, Mr. Lukesh came to us, and after pointing out to my husband and myself some passages of Scripture, prayed for us and then asked us to pray also. I did not yet understand, but I took his advice, and before retiring prayed again for light. Then and there a marvelous illumination came to my soul, and for joy I prayed, 'Lord, what shall I do that Thou depart not from me?'

"I opened my Bible and read Galatians 5:13-26 (she read these verses to us), and I took these verses as the Lord's direction for my life. Now I beg you all to forgive me in whatever way I have hurt you, and do please seek this peace which God alone gives."

This woman was one of the strongest Romanists, but was shocked at the ignorance of her own daughter in regard to the things of God and sought the Light. May this be the beginning of a general outpouring of Grace.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Lukesh.

THE PEOPLE WHO NEED YOU

In Bulgaria there are 5,632 villages and only 92 cities of which only seven have more than 25,000 inhabitants each. The largest city is Sofia, which was a backward, unattractive town at the time of Bulgaria's liberation, 48 years ago, but now in spite of a long series of catastrophic wars is a modern metropolis with 220,000 inhabitants. Not less than half of the people in Sofia are Macedonian refugees, who have come here at various intervals during the last fifteen years.

The second largest city in Bulgaria is Philippople, the ancient city of the father of Alexander the Great. It clusters picturesquely about a group of rocky hills rising abruptly out of a broad, fertile plain and has 120,000 inhabitants. Then comes Varna, a rapidly growing port in the Black Sea with 70,000 inhabitants and Rouse on the Danube with 60,000 inhabitants.

Eighty-Five Percent Live in the Villages

Very few of the Bulgarians, however, live in cities. Eighty-five per cent. of Bulgaria's rapidly increasing population live in the villages, where they are engaged in agriculture. Although their methods are inferior to those employed in Western Europe and America, the Bulgarian agriculturists are more advanced than any other peasants in the Near East.

The villages in which they live, contain from ten to a thousand houses clustered about a spring or scattered along a gorge, or nestling in a sheltered spot by a river, or huddled up against some hill or mountain. About the villages are common woods, a common grazing ground and a large number of privately-owned little fields. In the village are a school and church, one or more little stores, a post office, a telephone and telegraph station, several saloons, often a cooperative organization and frequently a reading-room. Generally speaking, the social life for the men centers about the saloons. The women usually meet only on the streets or in the fields. The houses are small, built of wicker-work covered with mud and whitewashed inside and out. Each house is situated in a yard, not far from a barn and in close proximity to the farm animals. The rooms in the houses are small and usually crowded. Often several related in families live under one roof and usually a large number of people sleep in the same room on mats spread on the floor or slightly raised platforms. Hygenic conditions in the houses are bad and sanitary conditions in the villages worse.

Among the peasants the birth rate and the death rate are very high. Diseases abound, especially tuberculosis and malaria. Most

of the village women cannot read or write. There are few conveniences in the homes.

Bulgaria is a land of life, aspirations and hopes. A restless, impetuous national spirit, ever striving for reforms, improvements and liberation, seeks to express itself in many ways and organizations. This leads to tolerance and co-operation; and the Bulgarian is remarkable tolerant. He treats the Jew and Greek, the Turk and Armenian with rare brotherliness and gives a free course to every idealistic movement, however grotesque it may appear. He is very receptive and alert and burns with a desire to find a way to elevate his nation to a place beside Switzerland, Denmark, the smaller Northern countries, and the other more fortunate and advanced European peoples.

Unique Opportunity for the Missionary

It is in such a field that our Mission is called upon to work. Bulgaria represents an almost Unique opportunity for idealistic Christian service. For the most part, the people are preserved and morally sound. They are extremely industrious and frugal. They feel keenly the scourge of all social oppression, and the sting of militarism and exaggerated nationalism. They have passed through disastrous wars and so are humble and receptive and passionately desirous of finding a better road to national strength, unity, security and prosperity. The women are awakened, the youth are aflame, all social leaders are ardently striving for a better day, while a virile sincere and powerful spirit of wholesome nationalism has seized upon the people. Tired of wars, virulent party strife, and vehement class struggles, the vast mass of the Bulgarian people want to get together, pool all their efforts and make a new attempt to make Bulgaria a better place to live in. They are very eager to get on with that.

Could there be a better field any place else in the world for a Christian Mission to work in? Fortunately, The Russia Evangelization Society realizes its remarkable opportunity and is putting forth every effort to help in the reconstruction of the country; a glorious task to which all good people in Bulgaria are devoting themselves.

Bulgaria's Greatest Problem

Conditions in Bulgaria today present an imperative call, and an opportunity perhaps unparalleled in all history of the country for a nation-wide distribution of the Word of God. After the great war, Bulgaria is awake, and is standing at the cross-ways. Shall she follow Christ, or drift into infidelity.

Bulgaria is today a land of unorganized idealism; of flaming altruism poorly employed. The swift mountain currents of Bulgarian social life collide and cross, and have formed a whirlpool, which at times threatens to suck Bulgarian national life into the abyss of class hatred. Wild winds, raging over the Balkan Peninsula, inhabited by many races, sometimes meet to form cyclones of war and bloodshed. Bulgaria, in the center of the Peninsula is all too often, by no fault of her own, the unfortunate storm area of these devastating tempests. The supreme problem is to get all the turbulent streams of Bulgarian social life to mingle in one broad, life-giving river, and to join the mountain storms into the winds of spring, heavy with life, beauty and joy. This can be done only through the evangelization of the people.

Evangelization and Relief Ministry

Our Mission is one of the factors trying to do it, one of the forces that are doing it. It is seeking the spiritual uplifting of Christians, the evangelizing of the masses. At the same time we are doing a truly marvellous work in succouring the sick and suffering, helping the needy, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry.

This is a thrilling adventure in a romantic land. Bulgaria pulsates with life. Here everybody is young and eager, aquiver to create a new world. The feeling of spring is in the air.

This Is Macedonia's Own Call and Need

The need is imperative, the time is short, the importance of the work is supreme, the field is the **most strategic in the Balkans**, and, your struggling brethren are exhausted. In the name of Christ all who read this letter are invited to help. Thus we will go forward without fear, in confidence that our needs will be met, and that our friends, who have never yet failed us, will come forward with fresh tokens of their generous sympathy, making us their alms-bearers and enabling us to increase our service in this part of the old world.

I am in the best of bonds,

Very sincerely yours,
PAUL L. MISHKOFF.

GOOD NEWS FROM ROUMANIA

Strada Domvrova 843,
Siret, Bucovina, Roumania.
Nov. 6th, 1926.

Pastor O. R. Palmer,
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR MR. PALMER:

Mr. Hill, who is away from home at the moment, has asked me to send you a picture of the Siret Assembly, taken in September. I am sending it today under separate cover. Mr. Hill is standing on the left; I have marked him with a small x in case you would not recognize him. I am sitting in the center of the front row, also marked with a small x.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude both to you and to your Society for having accepted us as missionaries. May God grant that the connection may be for His glory.

God is greatly blessing our work here, especially the Sunday School, which has started two years ago with only two scholars—boys 11 to 13 years of age. For the first two months I had the Sunday School in my home, and often I was in despair to know how to manage these two bad boys. It was quite the regular thing for one or the other to jump up in the middle of the lesson and start to play ball with his hat, or kick over a chair, or grab a picture from the wall and express his like or dislike of it. One Sunday the older boy asked me what I was trying to make out of them. I replied, "Why nothing, but Jesus wants to make good boys out of you both." With this they let out a wild yell and ducked their heads under the table and said to each other, "Did you hear that?" Prayer and faithfulness to God wins the victory even over bad boys, as I have found here. After the first two months, we were led to have the lesson hour in the Hall, and the first Sunday we had five children. Gradually the little school grew in numbers, and now we have a well-organized Sunday School of five classes. This summer five of the older children, including the two bad boys, accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Three of our classes are being taught in the German language, one in Roumanian, and one in Ruthenian. Saturday afternoons we have a teachers study class. The native teachers are doing very good work.

We are very happy over the news of Mr. Stettler's coming. Knowing the German language, he can start in at once. A class of six beautiful boys awaits him.

May we ask an interest in your prayers for the children in this land who are living in darkness, that we may be able to reach many more and bring them to the Lord Jesus.

Many thanks for your kindness. I remain

Yours in Christ's service in Roumania,
MRS. R. W. HILL.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER OF MISSIONARY JOHN KOVALCHUK

Missionary John Kovalchuk wrote a somewhat lengthy letter to his intimate friend, the Rev. J. B. Epp of Meno, Okla., in the Russian language, who translated the following extracts and mailed them to the Editor. We feel certain that the news herein conveyed will bring encouragement to all our readers, as well as provoke earnest intercession.—*Editor.*

"Zabudje, Poland,
Oct. 20th, 1926.

DEAR BROTHER EPP:

We are still staying with Brother Siderowich, since we have not found a place of our own. The house is small, and we are crowded much. The new house with a meeting-room is not yet finished, for lack of funds. The brother has already gone into debt. Two rooms will soon be finished and the good brother will let me have them for the winter. Oh, if we could have the larger room ready for meetings!!

There is work without end in the spiritual way. From everywhere they call for help, help, help in preaching and teaching. At least 20 requests have come to me during the few months since I am here, to come and work there and there . . . hungry and thirsty souls everywhere. But with the many villages about us here, that need the Gospel so much, we decided to stay here for the present. If it only were possible to be more than one person at one time!! And to visit around in many places costs money, which we do not have. We walk much from place to place. The people here are very, very poor, and cannot give much.

Expenses during these first months have been large and everything here is high-priced. I hardly know how I could pay for the trip to Rowno to attend the conference of Evangelical Christians and to a great gathering at Lodz. But I felt that I must go, to get acquainted with the great work in Poland. Am very glad that I did go, I learned very much. . . . Here again many begged to come and assist them,—oh the amount of work everywhere! It makes one feel glad and sad. Oh, friends, help all you can in sending men, money and Bibles! This is the great hour for these lands!

In one word, I have indeed come into a great harvestfield. Remember me much in your prayers.

As an American, (an alien) I have not complete freedom in my work. For example, I could not take charge of a church. Citizens have fullest freedom in every way. But together with a Polish citizen, I can do all the work I wish.

One of the greatest needs here is to "feed the flock". "Send us more teachers of the Word" is the greatest cry everywhere. This work aliens may do; therefore it is no hindrance to me at all in my work that I am not a citizen. . . . Many here fall prey to false religious teachings. Full instruction in the Word is needed! This will most likely be my principal work.

With strong love, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,
John Kovalchuk.

MISSIONARY DOBRININ LAUNCHES THE PRINTING OF A MAGAZINE

Helsingfors, Finland.
October 18th, 1926.

Russia Evangelization Society,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

I take great pleasure in sending you the first number of our new magazine entitled, "Faithfulness." This is my first attempt in printing a magazine, and it therefore is yet still far from being satisfactory. However, the Russian people are not very fastidious, and in our hard times, they will be glad to receive even such a magazine. I shall also endeavor to improve it later on. The material it contains is spiritually good.

By printing this periodical myself, I can do it three or four times cheaper than if I had it done by a printing office. I am taking up this work with great enthusiasm and hope to enlarge the future issues. Perhaps it may be God's will to order things in such a way as to enable us to have the magazine printed at the printing office. For the time being, I am able to print and distribute free of charge a few hundred copies.

The Contents of the Magazine

The purpose of the magazine is, to interchange letters and articles among believers. The following are the contents:

Stand on the Place That Is Given You by the Lord to Possess. Stand Until the End.	Page 2.
The Second Birth,—the Vital Necessity in the Life of Every Individual, and of Whole Christendom.	Page 3.
The Life According to the Flesh. This is a deep Christian tract translated from the English. Very important for serious Christians.	Page 4.
The Conversion of an Atheist. A recent fact.	Page 5.
Interesting Comments on the Bible. Aphorisms.	Page 6.
New from the Fields of Spiritual Life.	Page 7.

It is a periodical for Russian believers in all countries, and is independent of denomination and credal differences. Its task is to become a stirring brotherly pulpit for mutual co-operation toward a better stabilization of believing individuals and local congregations. The periodical is sent to everybody gratis, but anyone desiring to do so, may send free contributions; but the main thing is, that everybody will pray for the magazine.

The Future Plan

At the beginning everything is difficult to manage, and it takes time to do the work, but I am happy to realize the fulfillment of my long cherished idea of such a periodical. By it, I am able to regularly reach every Russian believer, not only in Finland, but also in other countries.

It may be that the Lord will fill your hearts with a desire to help us especially for this work. This would be our greatest joy and comfort.

I wish to use in this publication English and American material. I now have in my hands much material of a deep spiritual nature. Our magazine may become a course of practical Bible Studies.

With my heartiest greetings and prayerful wishes.

Yours truly in the Lord,
A. Dobrinin.

MISSIONARY TRAVELS AND EXPERIENCES

Helsingfors, Finland.
September 28th, 1926.

Russia Evangelization Society,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

I believe I should take this opportunity to relate in detail a few of my experiences in the Lord's work, in order that you may be able to understand how difficult it is to deal with those who have been groping about in spiritual "darkness" for so long a time.

There are now in Finland approximately 10,000 Russians, of whom there are several scores of believers and a large number of hearers. In certain cases we have witnessed the wonderful working power of the Lord.

There first comes to my mind the case of a young woman of seventeen who was converted at the beginning of our missionary enterprise. Her mother and sisters at once opposed her. Besides being scolded, a heavier burden of work was laid upon her, and at times her clothes and even food were taken from her to prevent her from attending our meetings. But the Lord marvelously preserved this faithful girl. Two years passed by and her mother and sisters began to appear at our meetings. Then the mother, followed by the elder sister, became very much interested in the Gospel message. Now we believe we can say that the youngest is also not far from making a personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The uncle, the head of the family, preferred atheism. The Gospel and our work was ridiculed. One day, he became ill, and then he did not venture to assert himself regarding his views. Eventually, he came to a saving-knowledge of the Lord, and before he died, he called on the brethren to minister the Lord's Supper. This was done, and we had the joy of seeing a sinner who had lived many years in sin pass through the "valley of the shadow of death" leaning upon the "Staff" which is promised in Psalm 23.

I quote, in brief, the mother's testimony to the victory which was wrought out in this life in his last days:

> "In the course of his illness, Uncle Carl went through a wonderful school of the Lord. He read, heard, and took to heart much of the Bible. Just before he died, he was severely tested by the "powers of darkness." It seemed to him as though he were surrounded by evil spirits, but he prayed that the darkness be dispelled on the ground of the finished work and shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. From that time he was no more tormented. Some of his dying words were: 'The Lord has accepted me, and I thank Him. I am going to Him!' Those in his presence say that the joy of the Lord was very manifest."

Technologist's Family Saved

We have witnessed also in the course of several years the conversion of a technologist, and his wife, mother and sister, all of whom are fervently working for the Lord in Viborg district.

Suffering Ones Turn to Us for Spiritual Help

Not long ago a rich old man of the Greek Orthodox Church came to my home. He confessed that his family life had been ruined by his dreadful sins. The next day his wife appeared, and in tears said, "We are as sheep without a shepherd. Will you not help us?" I am so often confronted by those who are fearfully perplexed. Greek Orthodoxy is indeed crumbling. To such needy ones, we minister the Word, and endeavor to give spiritual advice. By the grace of God, we are able to be small "lighthouses" in this dark place. May the Lord grant us persistence and faithfulness.

The Periodical Journey to Esthonia and Latvia

The brethren are calling and waiting for me there. With all my heart's wish to go, I find circumstances here compel me to remain at present. The first opportunity I have, I will comply with their request.

Accept my heartiest greetings and prayerful wishes.

Yours truly,
A. Dobrinin.

THE RUSSIAN BIBLE CONCORDANCE

If you could receive a letter like one of these, would you not be willing to pay $1.25 for the Concordance? Or, better still, add 75¢ more, and send the Bible and Concordance together. For a long time to come the way will be open to send these two books to workers in the harvest fields, both in Russia and among Russian refugees in other lands. What a privilege! What a splendid present to make to some one who needs the two books in his labor among his own people. Two dollars,—and another Bible and Concordance go to the field as substitutes for you.—*Norman J. Smith.*

Addis-Ababa, Abyssinia.

Dear Brother in the Lord:

I am a Russian General. All that we possessed formerly was lost in Russia, in Petersburg. In November, 1918, we left Russia and came by chance to Lindau, on Lake Constance. There was no Greek Orthodox Church we could go to, and we joined the Evangelical Congregation and took part in the services, the Bible studies, as well as in the Communion.

During these seven years we have been greatly drawn toward the Evangelical Church and the fellowship with the brethren there has had a powerful influence on us. We have now come to our daughter, who lives in Abyssinia with fifty to sixty other Russians. The church here is Greek, and there is no service in our own language, and so **we never hear God's Word.** Even if any of us had by chance an Old or a New Testament of his own, we do not hear any Living Word preached which could open to us the sense and meaning of God's Word, reminding us continually of how we can in our daily life obey His will.

"I greatly appreciate the aims and objects of your Mission Society, —most of all the fact that you preach the truth of the Gospel. But you are so far away from us it will most likely be impossible to send us any of your more experienced preachers of the Gospel. I am so sorry that the great distance hinders me from entering your Bible Seminary. If I could have done so, it would have enabled me to hold Bible lessons here. Maybe you have published something that could be of use to me in my efforts to reach my Russian countrymen. Most of all, **do send me your Bible Concordance. This would be a mighty help to me.** Are there no hymn-books in Russian, from which we might sing together here?"

Sincerely yours,
L. D.

FROM RUSSIAN WORKERS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Montevideo, S. A.

Dear Brother Jack:

May the peace of God rest on you and all your fellow-workers. I thank you most sincerely for the "assistant" you have sent me,—the Bible Concordance and other books which are of the greatest use to me in my work among my Russian countrymen. Both my wife and myself thanked the Lord, who had laid it upon your heart to send the books to us,—the more so as we had not yet sent you any money to pay for them. Above all, **praised be the Lord's Name for the Bible Concordance.** May He reward all those who by material and moral support have taken part in this work. May He also grant that all those who are already in possession of this book, or will in future have it, may benefit from it in the light of His countenance, so as to be enlightened how to study His Word and be able to meet all the demands of life.

It is not easy to work, but in all difficulties the Lord has not forsaken me. **Six days I work for our living, but the other day belongs to the Lord.** On this day I hold meetings and have talks with the Russian emigrants on eternal life which God has prepared for all penitent sinners. Please send me more literature,—five Bibles, two calendars, several texts to put up on the wall, and tracts for the poor Russian people. Yours in sincere love and intercession.

Peter K.

THE DARKEST HOURS OF HER LIFE

Paraguay, South America.

Dear Pastor Jack:

This very minute your parcel containing the Bible Concordance has reached me. I am sure you know how great my joy would be in receiving your gift, and yet you cannot picture how great it is now. I had read of the Concordance being finished and published, and recently I was wondering again and again: "When will I be able to order one for myself?" Suddenly,—Oh! what joy it was!—I received it quite unexpectedly. May God reward you for it, dear friend! God has always given us what we needed to live on, though it has often been very hard. Just now it is very hard still, but I hope in the autumn to find lessons again. * * During a time of special distress, God sent me a great joy by unfolding to me His Word: "Behold the lilies of the field * *. Yet your Heavenly Father careth for them". I have written down all my thoughts about this experience, and when I have written it out properly I will send it to the paper. I would so love to help others by what has helped me to live through the darkest hours of my life. Yours in love.

N. T.

AN UNEDUCATED MAN AND A PRINCESS.

These last two letters are wonderful witnesses to the Grace of Christ, before whom all we are brethren, independently of differing origin, social standing or education. The first one is written by a simple brother who in the school of the Holy Spirit has completed both his spiritual and worldly education. Like most of our Russian brethren, he learned to write and to read only after his conversion. The Bible was his lesson book, and St. Paul's Epistles the pattern for his own letters. Before going out to South America he had been one of the pupils in our Bible School. God has blessed his work as a witness for Himself. After only a few years a large congregation had been gathered together, so that soon it had no more room in the house. Without any ado the members went into the boundless forests, cut down trees, prepared beams and boards, and soon a spacious building was erected, with a fine hall for several hundred people, a school and rooms for the brother.

The second letter is written by a Princess, whom fate has also cast out to America. After many privations, hardships and false starts, her husband, little daughter and herself have at last found a situation in Paraguay which enables them to hold body and soul together.—W. L. Jack.

WHAT THE PRIEST AND BISHOP SAY.

And this one from a Priest of the Greek Orthodox Church:

I gratefully accept your precious gift and feel greatly touched by your kindness. I am fully of your opinion, that at the present time, when the Antichrist is preparing to the battle, all servants of God must unite in order to offer him resistance.

I have inquired if any of my parishioners would desire to order a copy of the Concordance, but my people are so few, and especially so poor, that only Prince D. has requested that one be sent to him. All others have no means to buy it.

Have you, my dear brother, no books against Sabbatism in your publishing office? It would be very useful if some of the Russians here could read them. They are not, it is true, members of my parish, but nevertheless they, too, should know about the truth.

Peace and grace be with you from our Lord Jesus Christ. In your prayers remember,

Your sinful Brother in Christ,
Priest M.

And from a Bishop of the Church:

Dear Vladimir Vladimirovitch:

May the Lord bless you for the Concordance I have just now received, and for having remembered me and sent me this valuable book. Praise the Lord for His help in accomplishing this work, in which so many co-workers have taken part during the five years. The lack of such a book has been felt for a long time, and now the desire of many hearts is fulfilled. May the Lord put His blessing on the spreading of the Concordance and all the efforts of all who preach His Word. In the Love of Christ,

Bishop S.

For two dollars you can start prayers and praise in the heart of some poor worker unable to purchase the Bible and Concordance.—*Editor.*

A NEW RUSSIAN BOOKLET

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LIFE OUT OF DEATH

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As the hour of our Lord's death approached, we hear Him saying, "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified" *(John 12:23)*. What a paradox! How unreasonable to the human mind! The hour of death, was to Him the hour of life; the hour of suffering, was the hour of glory; the hour of seeming defeat, was in reality the hour of triumph; and the hour of humiliation, the hour of exaltation. In the next verse he says, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" *(John 12:24)*. How slow the disciples of the Lord Jesus are to learn the secret of fruit-bearing. What would He teach us? Surely we would be fruit-bearing disciples.

An Illustration from Nature

Over in Poland, outside of Warsaw, on the villa of the Bible School at Radost there are five hundred fruit trees. As one walks down the path under these trees when full of beautiful blossoms, their fragrance fills the air, and their perfume is pleasant to the soul. A wonderful season! In the fall when the same trees are laden with luscious fruit, and one goes up to an apple tree and plucks, a large ripe apple, or eats of the delicious pears, this is another most satisfying season. The months between are not beautiful nor attractive, but they are most necessary. The blossoms must die before the fruit comes. In short, nature teaches us that life comes forth out of death.

This Principle of Life through Death Is True in the Christian Life (Heb. 2:14)

Job was a perfect man; but not until his wealth, his family, and his health were taken from him, and covered with boils, he sat on an ash heap, all the bloom of popularity and reputation dead—dead, in fact, to all that pertained to this earthly life, did he say, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of my ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee", and he abhorred himself and repented. Later God gave him twice as much as he had before, the material blessings and in addition the spiritual joy of knowing Him. He now recognized that all came from God's hand.

Joseph reached the throne by the way of derision from his brethren, the pit, and the prison. Why do we misunderstand and too often fear those experiences, bitter though they are, which, as we abide in the Lord will bring death to self and an increased measure of life, that we may bear much fruit? Do we comprehend that He whom we are called to follow, though He was in the form of God, the effulgence of His Glory, the express image of His person, the one in whom all things consist, the one who in a second of time, has the power of a million Niagra's—so a Bible Teacher has computed,— This One "thought it not a thing to be grasped after to be equal with God but made Himself of no reputation, took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross; Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name" *(Phil. 2:6,7,8)*. Jesus Christ took those five steps down from the throne to the Cross, each time saying, "Thy will—Thy will— Each step was a deeper death to what might be His own desire. What glorious fruit has resulted!

Because He emptied Himself of His glory, which He had with the Father, He has led many sons to glory, as the Captain of their salvation. Because of His humiliation He is exalted now at the right hand of God, far above all principalities and powers, which by the hands of cruel men, His creatures, vented all their wrath against their Creator, as He was nailed to the Cross.

He is now in the land where there is no darkness, neither shadow of night,—because He endured the darkness of hell, even the utter separation from the presence of the Father; because of the suffering of death, He shall come to reign with the angels and His saints on the earth for a thousand years.

He Works Out This Death and Resulting Life In Us (Phil. 2:13)

He will bring about the circumstances in nations, individuals and works, which will mean death to all that hinders fruit-bearing. The working is His but He does ask our willingness and intelligent cooperation in spirit, mind, and body. May we illustrate, and at the same time, give much information for prayer, by what we have observed of God's working in Poland; His preparation of instruments, and the rich fruitage born unto Him later.

Poland is today a nation of 30,000,000 people, most of which is Roman Catholic with the exception of 3,000,000 Jews. From 1772 Russia determined to transform the Poles in the Eastern part of Poland, where she ruled into Russians, succeeding to the extent that in Volhynia today the villages and towns are like those in Southern Russia and the peasants and other inhabitants speak Ukrainian, the language of Southern Russia. Germany from this same time endeavored to make Central Poland and its people, Germans,—teaching them her language and her religion, so that in Central Poland there are many traces of the German rule. Prussia governing West Poland allowed more freedom. After a struggle for her nationality, language, and religion, Poland has emerged from that place of death, in which she was divided into three parts, governed by three nations, each opposed to the other, into a Nation. As one result of the horrors of the recent war, poor Poland is once again an independent nation. This may be a political blessing. What has resulted, about which God is greatly concerned, and which He would have us know? The factories in Poland are still in ruins. In one case a stork stood in her nest, built on the chimney of what once was a house of industry. There is no capital to rebuild. The churches in many cases bombarded, remain roofless and useless. The land in the war regions has been left untouched, as the miles of trenches and accompanying graves of the dead testify. It is no wonder that Poland is crying out for God. Out of the 3,000,000 Jews 1,000,000 are facing starvation and destitution due to the fact that Russia, the market for many of her commodities has been cut off from Poland. The death process in Poland has prepared her to receive life.

Crushed Poland Is Crying Out for Help

Who will hear the cry of the millions in Poland, crying out for the bread of life? The present Pope knows full well his opportunity and has seized it. He is doing all he can to strengthen his hands in Poland, that he may through her gain Russia for Rome, at this time when the Greek Church is disintegrated. Unless Christians will pray and aggressively take Poland for God, the task of the Pope will be an easy one. Not the 3,000,000 Jews in their almost helpless state, not Russia's contribution on the soul side,—communism and other forms of socialism, nor Germany's gifts to Poland, on the side of Philosophy—none of these constitute even a considerable opposition to the onward march of Romanism. Poland is the present Pope's masterpiece, and only the Gospel which has been demonstrating there the power of God unto Salvation, for Catholics, Communists, Philosophers and Jews, can serve to save Poland and take her for God. If Christians will discern this time as a God-given opportunity, Poland can be saved and become a saviour to her enemies, Russia and Germany. Who will have Poland? Romanism or Christianity?

Instruments Willing to Die That Fruit Might Come in Poland (II Cor. 4:12)

God, in His wisdom, foresaw all this, and prepared several instruments for His work. Frequently people inquire, "You are a missionary from Poland? Are missionaries at work there now? Our church has had to hand over her property and withdraw her workers. How then does the Radost Bible School exist in Poland?"

The only answer is God has prepared the place and the instruments in the following way:

In 1905 forty priests, who had previously been in touch with a good soul, met often for prayer and felt that certain reforms must be made in the Catholic church. Priests should marry, none but voluntary gifts should be taken for forgiveness of sins, and the immorality of the priesthood ought to be done away, were the most important reforms. Ten priests decided to visit Rome. After a recital of their intense purpose to Pius X, then Pope, he reluctantly agreed to their carrying it out. However, he died, and Benedict XIV. became Pope. His verdict was, "Remain in the church, as it is; if you insist on reformation excommunication will be your lot." The result was that thirty-three of the forty priests left the Roman Church with fifty thousand who followed them. Today these people, who are still independent of Rome are known in Poland as the Mariovites. One of these thirty-three priests, Mr. W. Zebrowski, who related this story to me, went to Warsaw, married, and there built three big churches with orphanages. He continued with much form and ceremony to live a clean life as a Mariovite, but his soul was not satisfied full, even with these reforms.

One day in the home of two Christian women, he met a shepherd boy, who beseechingly asked the priest to fast and pray that day, that his soul might find peace. At the close of the day, the priest says, "John 1:12 was made real to me, and for the first time, Jesus Christ, whom I had been administering to thousands and receiving in mass myself, really entered my heart, and I knew I was a child of God."

Alive unto God through Jesus Christ by His shed Blood, this priest died to fame, popularity and wealth; he gladly left his three big Mariovite churches. Ten thousand Mariovites were willing to follow him for they loved him. He did not know how to lead them, but he did what he could. He went into business, also started a little mission in Warsaw. Later he bought a villa outside the city—as you perhaps know it consists of eleven acres, five hundred fruit-trees with vegetable gardens, flower-gardens and stables, with a beautiful pine forest back of it.

When Moses Gitlin, a Russian Jew, of whom most of our readers know, having been saved in Russia came to America, served as news-boy, elevator lad, and became an expert cap-maker, until some one seeing in this energetic, winsome, sweet-spirited lad a man for God, sent him to the Moody Bible Institute, thus preparing him to be a Bible teacher—when he came to Poland hoping to enter Russia, God led him to His prepared man and place.

Mr. Zebrowski, this priest, gave him his property free for two years, in which time forty-eight young people went out from the school to witness for Christ. Last year this property was bought, that it might become a permanent location for the Radost Bible School. This converted priest, Brother Zebrowski, and his family, have in the last years through suffering and sickness gone deeper into death and now a loud call has come to minister to these 50,000 Mariovites who can be reached quite readily with the Gospel. Will you pray that life may come to many thousands of these through him. You may be the one to support him that he may give up his business and give all his time to this work. A fine Bible teacher from England has been teaching him the Word and he is ready to go forth to minister to others.

He Sets the Members of the Body in His Place for Them (I Cor. 12:18)

For some who may not see the way and are trusting in the dark, may I testify that I have learned from experience, God can prepare several members of His body in widely separated places for service in one place, later, in His time bringing them together in His work.

As I sat in an invalid's chair, thinking this might be my fate for life, the blossoms of college life with its frivolities were dying, a child of God was going down into death, as to her plans and outlook on life. When friends were removed, position and health were gone, just the brown dry stem of all that pink and white bloom left, then only and for the first time did the tiny green fruit begin to appear and grow into ripe fruit through the following years of discipline, suffering, loneliness, and often despair. And when through God's leading I found myself in the Radost Bible School, years afterwards, I understood as never before the **"why"** of many things.

Our Understanding of the Death Process Comes Afterward (Heb. 12:11)

After a few days of joy in the 'Joy' Bible School, for Radost means 'Joy' in Polish and Russian, I understood why I had to die years before to the call of my church for service and obey the call of God to serve Him in the Body of Christ. For this school ministers to the Body of Christ and is not sectarian. Students who desire to know the whole Bible and live it come to us from various denominations.

As I saw Christian Germans, Russians, Bohemians, Poles and converted Jews living one common family life, heard their languages and songs, I understood why I had to die to my desire to work with Americans, my people, where I had so gladly given my life for three years to all nationalities, who had come to our American shores.

Part of my work had been to teach all nationalities English, and I learned that Moses Gitlin was using the same course and the same methods. My type-writer was a Hammond which writes various languages and so was his. Often during that time of service in his place we laughed and spoke of the fact that his initials were M. G. and so were mine. May many say 'Yes' to all the Lord's dealings, though they may not understand, knowing joy is sure to follow.

Sacrifice Made Gladly (Rom. 9:3)

I shall never forget the impression when I first saw the note-books of the students of the Radost Bible School—a typed lesson for every lesson of each day! Why all these hours of work? There are very few if any good text-books in Polish and Russian. The lessons must be worked out and typed for each student. When I saw that Hymn-Book, every song typed, Polish and English, or Russian and English translations given, about 125 songs; a hymn-book compiled for each student. Again I thought what work! When was it done and where?

Ah! Here is brother Gitlin's desk, just a crude table and this home-made chair, and an oil-lamp! Here he worked all but four hours a night! Then I understood why his eyes sting and burn. His bed in the office, and only a single iron cot and he shares that with a young Jew, an admirer of Karl Marx, and three others sleep in his office. No wonder that the young Jew was finding in brother Gitlin a new hero.

Many who come out from Warsaw, seeing Jesus in this life and that of Mrs. Gitlin, are finding the Lord for themselves; 'For was he not rich, and did he not make himself poor, that we through his poverty might be rich'? The founder and co-workers of the Radost Bible School do not desire luxuries. Their one thought is to win souls for Christ and prepare them for service for Him. They ought to have the necessities of life, and we must see that they get them. Even now a recent letter said they do not have enough bed linens, not an organ, not good song-books, and the funds have not yet come in for the transforming of the stable into a class room. What sacrifice!

(This interesting story of "Life Out of Death" in Poland will be continued in the next issue.)

HAILS PALESTINE PROMISED LAND OF POLISH JEWS

Repatriation in Palestine is the sole hope for hundreds of thousands of Jews in Europe, members of the Covenant club were told at a luncheon by Judge Harry N. Fisher, who recently returned from a trip through the Holy Land.

He asserted that while economic conditions in Palestine were poor at present, he was convinced the depression was only temporary and that the country could be made a real home for Jews oppressed in other lands.

"I come back believing in Palestine," he said. "The Jews need a Palestine. In Poland our people are worse off than they were in 1920. They have lost hope and talk only of emigration. The only place for them is Palestine. It is small and poor, but I am firmly convinced it would be better for the Jews of the world if we can have 300,000 people growing up under the spiritual influence of Judaism than 3,000,000 under the spirit crushing conditions of Poland."—*Chicago Tribune.*

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In the classrooms, the increased number of students makes it necessary for us to enlarge our equipment. Brother Fowler writes that wall-maps for geographical, historical, and Bible work, are needed. Doubtless, some of our readers have in their day schools or Sunday School maps which they have discarded for better ones, but which would be a great help at Radost School. We shall appreciate it greatly if they will send them to our home-office, 704 Schaff Building, Philadelphia, Pa., where they will be forwarded at once to the Field.